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APPLICANT REVIEW PANEL  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2010

Ms. Camacho served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll call was taken with all members present: Ms. Camacho, Mr. Ahmadi, and Ms. Spano.

After soliciting public comment and receiving none, Ms. Camacho moved to adopt as written the minutes of the June 11, 2010, panel meeting. Ms. Spano seconded. There being no public comment or opposition, the motion passed.

Ms. Camacho announced that she and the entire panel appreciate the talent and outstanding experience of the vast majority of the 4,546 applicants who submitted supplemental applications. Ms. Camacho then announced that the meeting was scheduled to continue from day to day through July 2, 2010, and would proceed in the order indicated on the agenda; that counsel would present reports which would later be posted on the web site; and that three laptop computers were available for public use at the back of the room enabling members of the public to access applicant materials considered by the panel in preparation for the meeting. Ms. Camacho reminded the public that bureau staff would update the website as soon as possible to reflect changes to the applicant pool as a result of the meeting. She further reminded the public that the bureau would destroy the Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests submitted by any applicant removed from the applicant pool during the meeting, unless the applicant immediately contacts the bureau and asks the bureau to return their Form 700 to the applicant.

Ms. Spano announced that she recently became aware that applicant Kenneth McPherson is her husband's coworker, but that she has never met or spoken to Mr. McPherson.

Panel counsel read into the record a staff report issued by Steven Russo, Chief of Investigations, on the Bureau's activities in support of the panel, including forwarding application materials, confirming applicant eligibility and gathering information concerning applicants. The report explained that the applicant pool had increased from 622 to 623 after the panel's June 11, 2010, meeting as a result of the bureau's decision to approve one applicant's request for reconsideration.

Panel counsel reported that the meeting room set up has been modified to provide the panelists more room and minimize neck strain. Panel counsel next disseminated several reports revealing the panelists' recommendations relating to the remaining applicants, explaining that the reports had been generated on June 28, 2010, using the electronic applicant database and remained confidential until the meeting. The reports included a list of 309 applicants who did not receive a favorable recommendation from any panel member and demographic information relating to the 314 applicants who received one or more favorable recommendations, including information relating to subpools of applicants sorted by political party affiliation.

The panel requested public comment of which there were two comments.

At 10:09 a.m. the panel recessed for 30 minutes to review the reports provided by panel counsel.

At 10:48 a.m. the panel reconvened.

The panel solicited public comment about applicants of which there were no comments.

After some discussion and soliciting and receiving public comments, Ms. Camacho moved to eliminate from the applicant pool all applicants who did not receive a favorable recommendation from any panelist, as listed in the report entitled "309 Applicants Who Did Not Receive a Favorable Recommendation from Any Panelist." Mr. Ahmadi seconded the motion. There being no public comment or opposition, the motion passed.

At 11:32 a.m. panel counsel recommended a 10 minute break to address technical problems with the sound system.

At 11:47 a.m. the panel reconvened.

The panelists then discussed how each of them would approach the task of further assessing the remaining 314 applicants and their Form 700s, announcing that they would use the Form 700 to verify information contained in the applications and further confirm whether or not an applicant has a conflict of interest. The panel reiterated how important it is that each remaining applicant submit his or her Form 700 to the Bureau of State Audits by no later than July 12, 2010.

Ms. Camacho announced that the interviews will begin in early August and continue through mid-September. The panel discussed establishing a schedule where each interview would last a maximum of anywhere from 1.25 to 2 hours with a short break in between each interview. After some

discussion, the panel requested that staff prepare for the panel's consideration at the next meeting a draft schedule allowing a maximum of 1.5 hours for each interview.

Ms. Camacho further announced that the next panel meeting would likely begin on July 19, 2010, and that remaining applicants who do not submit their Form 700s by the July 12, 2010 deadline, will be removed from the pool. At the panel's request, one person offered a public comment on the interview process.

The panel requested public comment on items not on the agenda of which there were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

***For full transcripts of this meeting, please refer to the website:***

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